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Entry of the amendments is appropriate to place the case in condition for allowance. Independent claims 5 and 16 remain pending. Independent claims 1, 13, and 22 have been cancelled. Dependent claims that were previously rejected have either been cancelled or amended to depend from either allowed claim 5 or 16. The amendments place the case in condition for allowance consistent with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Entry is appropriate.

For all of the above reasons, applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the application. The separate patentability of dependent claims not discussed is maintained. Should the examiner believe that outstanding issues exist and that a telephone conference would aid prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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